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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2007344844 EMBASE

TITLE: Safety and tolerability of growth hormone therapy in multiple system

atrophy: A double-blind, placebo-controlled study.

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AB The objective of this study was to investigate tolerability and possible neurotrophic effects of growth hormone (GH) in treatment of multiple system atrophy (MSA). In this double-blind pilot study, MSA patients were randomized to recombinant human growth hormone (r-hGH, n = 22), 1 mg every second day (6 months) followed by alternating daily injections of 1 mg and 0.5 mg (6 months), or matched placebo (n = 21). Safety analysis demonstrated no obvious between-group differences. In both groups, there was progressive worsening of Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale total score, which tended to be less in r-hGH-treated patients (12.9% at 6 months, 25.3% at 12 months) than in placebo (17.0% and 35.7%). Similarly, there was a trend to less worsening in Unified MSA Rating Scale total score with r-hGH (13.2% and 21.2%) than with placebo (21.1% and 36.5%). Cardiovascular reflex autonomic testing also tended to show less deterioration with r-hGH than with placebo at 12 months. However, 95% CI did not indicate treatment differences for any efficacy measures. In conclusion, r-hGH administration in MSA patients for up to 1 year appears safe and might influence disease symptoms, signs and, possibly, progression. The results support further studies utilizing higher doses in more patients. .COPYRGT. 2007 Movement Disorder Society.

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 TITLE: Levodopa treatment does not affect low-dose apomorphine test in patients with Parkinson's disease.  
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AB Challenge with low-dose apomorphine causes a significant rise in growth hormone (GH) in patients with Parkinson's disease (PD) compared to controls and patients with multiple system atrophy (MSA) who have not previously received dopaminergic treatment. To date, it has not been demonstrated whether an apomorphine-induced rise in GH can still be detected in PD patients who are currently treated with levodopa. We investigated whether an ongoing treatment with levodopa influences the GH response to subcutaneously applied low-dose apomorphine in PD patients. We studied 44 patients with idiopathic PD using the low-dose apomorphine test. Twenty-three patients were under treatment with levodopa and 21 patients were without any dopaminergic therapy. GH and cortisol levels were analyzed at time of injection and 45 minutes and 60 minutes after subcutaneous apomorphine injection. Forty-five minutes after apomorphine injection, there was no significant difference between the mean rise in plasma GH in untreated PD patients compared with levodopa-treated patients ( $P = 0.235$ ). There was no increase of cortisol levels in each treatment group. Age, sex, duration, and severity of the disease did not show a covariate effect with GH levels. A small group of PD patients ( $n = 8$ ) treated with dopamine agonists and a small group of patients with MSA ( $n = 5$ ) as well as patients with vascular parkinsonism ( $n = 5$ ) did not show any increase of GH. Our data suggest that the apomorphine-induced rise in GH does not depend on previous levodopa treatment in PD patients but, as expected, is blocked by dopamine agonists and is not present in patients with other than idiopathic parkinsonian syndrome. Thus, the low-dose apomorphine test may also be a useful biological marker in the early differential diagnosis of PD patients who have already received levodopa treatment.  
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TITLE: Increased growth hormone response to apomorphine in Parkinson disease compared with multiple system atrophy.  
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AB Background: Parkinson disease (PD) is often difficult to distinguish from

parkinsonian syndromes of other causes in early stages of the disease. In search of a suitable endocrinologic challenge test, we investigated dopaminergic sensitivity in patients with de novo parkinsonian syndromes. Objective: We measured the growth hormone (GH) response to a subthreshold dose of the dopamine 1-dopamine 2 receptor agonist apomorphine hydrochloride to differentiate parkinsonian syndromes from PD. Patients and Methods: Seventeen patients with a clinical diagnosis of PD, 16 patients with a clinical diagnosis of multiple system atrophy, and 11 healthy controls. The GH response to a subthreshold dosage of apomorphine and to somatostatin (GH-releasing factor) was tested in a randomized order; on the third day the protocol was repeated with a clinically effective dose of apomorphine. Results: The GH response to the low dose of apomorphine was significantly increased in patients with PD when compared with patients with multiple system atrophy or the control subjects (multivariate analyses of covariance; univariate F test, all  $P < .05$ ). In contrast, there were no significant group differences with use of the higher dose of apomorphine or in the somatostatin-induced GH release. Conclusions: The GH response to a subthreshold dose of apomorphine appears to be a useful tool to identify patients with PD vs multiple system atrophy. The enhanced GH response to a subthreshold dopaminergic stimulus may reflect a hypersensitivity of the extrastriatal dopamine receptors in PD.

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TITLE:	Diagnosing multiple system		

atrophy with greater accuracy: combined analysis of the clonidine-growth hormone test and external anal sphincter electromyography.

AUTHOR: Lee Eun Ah; Kim B Joon; Lee Won Yong

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SOURCE: Movement disorders : official journal of the Movement Disorder Society, (2002 Nov) Vol. 17, No. 6, pp. 1242-7.

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AB The clonidine-growth hormone test (CGHT) has been proposed as a means of differentiating multiple system atrophy (MSA) from idiopathic Parkinson's disease (PD). However, it is controversial whether the CGHT is valid. We sought to confirm the validity of the CGHT and to compare the diagnostic accuracy of the CGHT with that of external anal sphincter electromyography (Sph-EMG) for MSA. We performed the CGHT and the Sph-EMG on 21 PD patients, 23 patients with probable MSA of parkinsonian type (MSA-p), and 22 patients with probable MSA of cerebellar type (MSA-c). We compared the sensitivity, specificity, and positive and negative predictive values (PPV and NPV) of CGHT, Sph-EMG, and a combination of the two tests. We also evaluated the correlations of Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale (UPDRS) scores with the results of the two tests. There was no significant difference between the UPDRS scores for the PD and MSA-p groups. Serum growth hormone concentrations after clonidine significantly increased in PD (mean increase  $\pm$  SEM,  $4.19 \pm 0.92$  ng/ml;  $P < 0.0001$ ), but remained unchanged in both MSA-p ( $0.83 \pm 0.61$  ng/ml) and MSA-c ( $1.45 \pm 0.58$  ng/ml). The growth hormone responses to clonidine in MSA-p were significantly different from those in PD ( $P < 0.05$ ). Abnormal, denervated Sph-EMG was observed in 95.7% of MSA-p, 86.4% of MSA-c, and 33.3% of PD patients. Compared to Sph-EMG, the CGHT was less sensitive but more specific in both MSA-p and MSA-c. The result of neither test correlated with the severity of parkinsonism. Interestingly, combining the results of the CGHT and Sph-EMG markedly increased the specificity (85.7% in the CGHT and 66.7% in Sph-EMG vs. 95.2% in the combination study) and the PPV in both MSA-p (85.7% and 75.9% vs. 94.4%) and MSA-c (82.4% and 73.1% vs. 91.7%). We confirm that the CGHT can distinguish MSA-p from PD. Its sensitivity is lower and its specificity higher than Sph-EMG. Compared to either test alone, combined testing with the CGHT and Sph-EMG increased specificity and PPV, thereby enhancing accuracy in the diagnosis of MSA.

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TITLE: Stimulation of growth-hormone release with clonidine does not distinguish individual cases of idiopathic Parkinson's disease from those with striatonigral degeneration.

AUTHOR: Strijks E; van't Hof M; Sweep F; Lenders J W; Oyen W J; Horstink M W I M

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pp. 1206-10.  
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AB Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) and idiopathic  
Parkinson's disease (PD) can be difficult to distinguish. There is an  
ongoing debate about the diagnostic value of the growth-  
hormone response to clonidine (CGH-test) in PD and MSA. We  
investigated whether the CGH-test can identify individual patients in the  
early stages of PD (n = 21) and Striatonigral Degeneration (SND, n = 11),  
a particular variety of MSA. Patients were diagnosed on the basis of  
clinical criteria and IBZM-SPECT. Clonidine induced a greater total serum  
growth-hormone production in PD than in SND (p = 0.01).  
However, taking the difference in prevalence of PD and SND into account,  
and because of the low likelihood ratios of the test, an increase of  
GH after clonidine increases the pre-test probability for PD by  
about only 5 %, while an absent response of GH also increases  
the pre-test probability for SND by about 5 %. We conclude that the  
CGH-test discriminates between groups of patients with PD and SND, but has  
little practical diagnostic value for identifying individual patients.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002229887 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 11967661  
TITLE: Is clonidine-growth hormone stimulation  
a good test to differentiate multiple  
system atrophy from idiopathic  
Parkinson's disease?.  
AUTHOR: Mathias C J; Kimber J; Watson L; Muthane U  
SOURCE: Journal of neurology, (2002 Apr) Vol. 249, No. 4,  
pp. 488-9.  
Journal code: 0423161. ISSN: 0340-5354. L-ISSN: 0340-5354.  
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DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 11176962  
TITLE: Increased growth hormone response to  
apomorphine in Parkinson disease compared with  
multiple system atrophy.  
AUTHOR: Friess E; Kuempfel T; Winkelmann J; Schmid D; Uhr M;  
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AB BACKGROUND: Parkinson disease (PD) is often difficult to distinguish from parkinsonian syndromes of other causes in early stages of the disease. In search of a suitable endocrinologic challenge test, we investigated dopaminergic sensitivity in patients with de novo parkinsonian syndromes. OBJECTIVE: We measured the growth hormone (GH) response to a subthreshold dose of the dopamine 1-dopamine 2 receptor agonist apomorphine hydrochloride to differentiate parkinsonian syndromes from PD. PATIENTS AND METHODS: Seventeen patients with a clinical diagnosis of PD, 16 patients with a clinical diagnosis of multiple system atrophy, and 11 healthy controls. The GH response to a subthreshold dosage of apomorphine and to somatostatin (GH-releasing factor) was tested in a randomized order; on the third day the protocol was repeated with a clinically effective dose of apomorphine. RESULTS: The GH response to the low dose of apomorphine was significantly increased in patients with PD when compared with patients with multiple system atrophy or the control subjects (multivariate analyses of covariance; univariate F test, all  $P < .05$ ). In contrast, there were no significant group differences with use of the higher dose of apomorphine or in the somatostatin-induced GH release. CONCLUSIONS: The GH response to a subthreshold dose of apomorphine appears to be a useful tool to identify patients with PD vs multiple system atrophy. The enhanced GH response to a subthreshold dopaminergic stimulus may reflect a hypersensitivity of the extrastriatal dopamine receptors in PD.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001440640 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 11487211  
TITLE: Stimulation of growth hormone release  
in multiple system atrophy,  
Parkinson's disease and idiopathic cerebellar ataxia.  
AUTHOR: Pellecchia MT; Salvatore E; Pivonello R; Faggiano A;  
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AB Clonidine has been proposed to differentiate multiple system atrophy (MSA) from idiopathic Parkinson's disease (IPD), as it does not increase growth hormone (GH) release in MSA. We studied GH release in response to clonidine in 7 IPD patients, 6 MSA patients, 4 patients affected by idiopathic late-onset cerebellar ataxia (ILOCA) and 8 healthy controls. In addition, we investigated the effects of GH releasing hormone plus arginine (GHRH-Arg) on GH release in the same patients. Both clonidine and GHRH-Arg raised serum GH levels in all groups examined. Clonidine failed to differentiate MSA from IPD and ILOCA. GHRH-Arg showed a lower increase of serum GH in MSA patients than in other groups, even if such difference was not statistically significant. We suggest that stimulation of GH release with GHRH-Arg rather than clonidine could differentiate MSA from IPD and ILOCA, but this hypothesis would need to be confirmed by further investigations.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000384832 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 10869054  
TITLE: Physiological, pharmacological and neurohormonal assessment of autonomic function in progressive supranuclear palsy.  
AUTHOR: Kimber J; Mathias C J; Lees A J; Bleasdale-Barr K; Chang H S; Churchyard A; Watson L  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Autonomic Unit, University Department of Clinical Neurology, Institute of Neurology, University College London, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery and Neurovascular Medicine Unit, London, UK.  
SOURCE: Brain : a journal of neurology, (2000 Jul) Vol. 123 ( Pt 7), pp. 1422-30.  
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AB The clinical features of progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP) overlap with other parkinsonian syndromes, including multiple system atrophy (MSA). Autonomic dysfunction is a characteristic of MSA, but has also been described in PSP. We therefore report results from a series of physiological studies of cardiovascular autonomic function in 35 PSP and 20 MSA subjects, and 26 age-matched healthy control subjects. The response to growth hormone-clonidine testing, a neuropharmacological assessment of central adrenoceptor function, was also assessed in 14 PSP and 10 MSA subjects, and compared with 10 controls. None was on medication which may have affected the results. Orthostatic hypotension did not occur in PSP subjects or controls, unlike MSA subjects. Overall there was no evidence of sympathetic vasoconstrictor failure in PSP subjects, unlike MSA subjects, although the pressor response to mental arithmetic was reduced. Cardiac parasympathetic function was affected in only a minority (three of 35) of PSP subjects and was abnormal in MSA subjects. After clonidine administration, growth hormone rose in PSP subjects (median increase 4.3; interquartile range 1.8-7.8 mU/l) and controls, unlike MSA subjects (0.9; 0.3-2.4 mU/l;  $P < 0.005$ , Mann-Whitney U-test). In conclusion, in PSP subjects, responses to both physiological and pharmacological tests provided evidence against widespread autonomic dysfunction; this differed markedly from MSA subjects. Thus, cardiovascular autonomic dysfunction

should be an exclusionary feature in the diagnosis of PSP.

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TITLE: Is clonidine growth hormone stimulation  
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Parkinson's disease?.  
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AB Clonidine, a centrally active alpha 2-adrenoreceptor agonist used to lower  
blood pressure, has been proposed to differentiate central from peripheral  
autonomic deficits and multiple system atrophy  
(MSA) from untreated idiopathic Parkinson's disease (IPD). A lack of  
growth hormone (GH) increase after clonidine  
infusion is found in patients with MSA, but not in those with IPD or with  
pure autonomic failure. We studied 19 IPD and 7 MSA patients to assess  
whether this test could be used in clinical practice to distinguish MSA  
from IPD, whatever the stage of the disease. Serum GH levels  
were measured 15, 30, 45 and 60 min after a 10-min infusion of 2  
micrograms/kg clonidine. GH levels remained stable after  
clonidine infusion in all 7 MSA patients but increased in only 12 of the  
19 IPD patients, while remaining stable in the other 7. No correlation  
was found with the presence of orthostatic hypotension. We conclude that  
the GH response to clonidine infusion has a very high  
sensitivity (100% in our series and in previous studies) for the diagnosis  
of MSA. However, this response cannot be used as a diagnostic test  
because of its poor specificity.

L6 ANSWER 8 OF 17 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 8  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999232905 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 10218537  
TITLE: Failure of the clonidine growth hormone  
stimulation test to differentiate multiple  
system atrophy from early or advanced  
idiopathic Parkinson's disease.  
AUTHOR: Clarke C E; Ray P S; Speller J M  
SOURCE: Lancet, (1999 Apr 17) Vol. 353, No. 9161, pp.  
1329-30.  
Journal code: 2985213R. ISSN: 0140-6736. L-ISSN: 0140-6736.  
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000049368 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 10584673  
TITLE: Neuroendocrine responses to levodopa in multiple  
system atrophy (MSA).  
AUTHOR: Kimber J; Watson L; Mathias C J  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Division of Neuroscience and Psychological Medicine,  
Imperial College School of Medicine at St. Mary's Hospital,  
London, UK.  
SOURCE: Movement disorders : official journal of the Movement  
Disorder Society, (1999 Nov) Vol. 14, No. 6, pp.  
981-7.  
Journal code: 8610688. ISSN: 0885-3185. L-ISSN: 0885-3185.  
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AB Hypothalamic dopaminergic pathways are involved in the regulation of  
growth hormone and prolactin release from the anterior  
pituitary. Neuroendocrine studies in patients with multiple  
system atrophy (MSA), in whom there is a reported loss  
of hypothalamic dopamine, are few and contradictory. We therefore studied  
the neuroendocrine responses to 250 mg levodopa (plus 25 mg carbidopa) in  
subjects with MSA (n = 15), and compared them with age- and sex-matched  
healthy control subjects (n = 8). There were no significant differences  
in basal or post-levodopa levels of growth hormone (GH), growth hormone-releasing hormone (GHRH),  
glucose, insulin-like growth factor (IGF-1), or thyroid-stimulating  
hormone (TSH) between the groups. In patients with MSA, basal levels of  
prolactin were elevated (21.1 +/- 5.2 ng/mL [mean +/- standard error])  
compared with control subjects (12.1 +/- 1.7, p <0.05), and after L-dopa  
there was increased variability in prolactin response with less  
suppression compared with control subjects. In conclusion, in patients  
with MSA, the GHRH and GH responses to L-dopa were preserved and  
were similar to responses in age-matched control subjects. In contrast,  
there was impaired dopaminergic suppression of prolactin secretion. In  
patients with MSA this may represent a selective dysfunction, rather than  
generalized loss, of tubero-infundibular dopaminergic neurones.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:290561 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199800290561  
TITLE: Growth hormone (GH) secretion  
during sleep is similar in multiple  
system atrophy (MSA) and Parkinson's  
disease (PD).  
AUTHOR(S): Pierangeli, Giulia; Barletta, Giorgio; Provini, Federica;  
Plazzi, Giuseppe; Maltoni, Paolo; Pavani, Anna; Bozza,  
Daniela; Lugaresi, Elio; Cortelli, Pietro  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Bologna, Italy  
SOURCE: Neurology, (April, 1998) Vol. 50, No. 4 SUPPL. 4,  
pp. A240-A241. print.  
Meeting Info.: 50th Annual Meeting of the American Academy  
of Neurology. Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. April 25-May 2,  
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L6 ANSWER 11 OF 17 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 10  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998446275 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 9773098  
TITLE: [Pharmacologic approach to autonomic failure].  
Approche pharmacologique des dysautonomies.  
AUTHOR: Senard J M; Montastruc J L  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Laboratoire de Pharmacologie Medicale et Clinique, INSERM U  
317, Faculte de Medecine, Toulouse, France.  
SOURCE: Therapie, (1998 Jan-Feb) Vol. 53, No. 1, pp.  
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AB Four different forms of primary autonomic failure (multiple  
system atrophy, pure autonomic failure, Parkinson's  
disease and dopamine beta-hydroxylase deficiency) have been described.  
The first part of the article will focus on the interest to pharmacology  
of elucidating pathophysiological mechanisms underlying autonomic  
involvement at the central level (growth hormone  
response to clonidine acute challenge), presynaptic level (plasma  
catecholamine levels after yohimbine administration) and on post-synaptic  
receptors (binding studies, pressor responses to noradrenaline). The  
second part will discuss efficacy and side-effects of some of the many  
drugs which are currently proposed for the treatment of one of the most  
disabling symptoms related to autonomic failure, orthostatic hypotension.  
Special attention will be paid to drugs acting on blood composition  
(fludrocortisone, erythropoietin), on post-synaptic alpha-adrenoceptors  
(midodrine and clonidine) and on noradrenaline spill-over (yohimbine and  
L-Threo-DOPS).

L6 ANSWER 12 OF 17 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 11  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1997360797 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 9217760  
TITLE: Distinction of idiopathic Parkinson's disease from  
multiple-system atrophy by  
stimulation of growth-hormone release  
with clonidine.  
AUTHOR: Kimber J R; Watson L; Mathias C J  
CORPORATE SOURCE: University Department of Clinical Neurology, National  
Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery/Institute of  
Neurology, London, UK.  
SOURCE: Lancet, (1997 Jun 28) Vol. 349, No. 9069, pp.  
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AB BACKGROUND: Idiopathic Parkinson's disease is a common neurodegenerative disease that is difficult to distinguish from other parkinsonian syndromes such as multiple-system atrophy (MSA). In MSA, autonomic dysfunction is common and is associated with either parkinsonian or cerebellar features, or both. Differentiation of idiopathic Parkinson's disease from MSA is important because prognosis, complications, and response to therapy vary according to disorder. Our aim was to find out whether clonidine/growth hormone (GH) testing distinguishes idiopathic Parkinson's disease from MSA. METHODS: Clonidine is a centrally active alpha 2-adrenoceptor agonist that raises concentrations of GH in serum in healthy people and those with pure autonomic failure (with peripheral lesions), but not in those with MSA (with a central autonomic deficit). We investigated the effects of clonidine on 14 people with idiopathic Parkinson's disease (without autonomic deficits). 31 people with MSA of the three different clinical forms (parkinsonian, cerebellar, and mixed), 19 people with pure autonomic failure, and 27 healthy participants. In nine people with parkinsonian MSA (MSA-P), the GH response to levodopa was also assessed. FINDINGS: Clonidine raised serum GH concentrations in patients with idiopathic Parkinson's disease (median increase 8.98 [IQR 6.6-16.6] mU/L), normal participants (13.2 [7.0-18.6] mU/L), and patients with pure autonomic failure (12.5 [5.6-18.2] mU/L). In those with MSA who had central autonomic failure, GH concentrations were unchanged (MSA-P; 0.41 [-0.30 to 2.09] mU/L and cerebellar MSA [MSA-C] 1.67 [0-4.49] mU/L). The GH response to clonidine in idiopathic Parkinson's disease was significantly different from that in MSA-P ( $p < 0.0002$ ). In MSA-P, the dopamine precursor levodopa raised GH concentrations (from mean 2.7 [SE 1.0] mU/L to mean 18.2 [6.0] mU/L,  $p < 0.05$ ) and GH-releasing hormone (GHRH) concentrations (from mean 20.6 [3.25] ng/L to mean 68.0 [10.6] ng/L,  $p < 0.05$ ), excluding dysfunction of pituitary somatotrophs or GHRH neurons as a cause for the absent GH response to clonidine in MSA. INTERPRETATION: The GH responses to clonidine clearly differentiated idiopathic Parkinson's disease from MSA-C and MSA-P. Together with the levodopa studies they indicated a specific alpha 2-adrenoceptor-hypothalamic deficit in MSA. The clonidine-GH test may provide further insight into central neurotransmitter and alpha 2-adrenoceptor-hypothalamic abnormalities in MSA.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1997054962 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 8899251  
TITLE: Neurohumoral, peptidergic and biochemical responses to supine exercise in two groups with primary autonomic failure: Shy-Drager syndrome/multiple system atrophy and pure autonomic failure.  
AUTHOR: Smith G D; Watson L P; Mathias C J  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Medicine, St Mary's Hospital medical School/Imperial College of Science, London, UK.  
SOURCE: Clinical autonomic research : official journal of the Clinical Autonomic Research Society, (1996 Oct) Vol. 6, No. 5, pp. 255-62.  
Journal code: 9106549. ISSN: 0959-9851. L-ISSN: 0959-9851.

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AB The neurohumoral, peptidergic and biochemical responses to supine leg exercise were studied in two groups with primary autonomic failure: Shy-Drager syndrome (SDS, n = 15) and pure autonomic failure (PAF, n = 15), to determine if these accounted for exercise-induced hypotension and the greater blood pressure (BP) fall in PAF. Responses were compared to normal subjects (controls, n = 15), in whom BP rose with exercise. Resting plasma noradrenaline (NA) was higher in controls than SDS, and was lowest in PAF. With exercise, NA increased in controls, with a small rise in SDS, but no change in PAF. Resting plasma adrenaline (A) was higher in controls and SDS than PAF, with no change during exercise. Plasma dopamine was unrecordable at all stages in all groups. Resting plasma renin activity (PRA) was higher in controls than SDS and PAF, and was unchanged with exercise in all groups. Plasma insulin, C-peptide and serum growth hormone (GH) were similar at rest and with exercise in the three groups. Plasma glucose was higher at rest in SDS and PAF, and increased with exercise in all three groups. In conclusion, neither exercise-induced hypotension, nor the differences between SDS and PAF could be related to abnormalities in the release of A, PRA, insulin, glucose or GH. The abnormal NA response to exercise was consistent with the BP fall being due to inadequate compensatory sympathetic activity. In SDS, the small NA increase, in the presence of supersensitivity, may have reduced their BP fall as compared to PAF. These results suggest that impaired sympathetic neural activity is a key factor in exercise-induced hypotension.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1996:446224 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199699168580  
TITLE: Neuropharmacological evaluation of hypothalamic alpha-adrenoceptor deficit in human central sympathetic degeneration.  
AUTHOR(S): Kimber, J. [Reprint author]; Watson, L.; Mathias, C. J.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Autonomic Unit, Univ. Dep. Clinical Neurol., Inst. Neurol., Queen Square, UK  
SOURCE: Journal of Physiology (Cambridge), (1996) Vol. 494P, No. 0, pp. 138P-139P.  
Meeting Info.: Scientific Meeting of the Physiological Society. London, England, UK. April 16-18, 1996.  
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1995199869 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 7892755  
TITLE: High beta-adrenoceptor density on peripheral blood mononuclear cells in progressive multiple sclerosis: a manifestation of autonomic dysfunction?.

AUTHOR: Zoukos Y; Thomaides T; Mathias C J; Cuzner M L  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Multiple Sclerosis Laboratory, National Hospital for  
 Neurology and Neurosurgery, London, England.  
 CONTRACT NUMBER: (United Kingdom Wellcome Trust)  
 SOURCE: Acta neurologica Scandinavica, (1994 Dec) Vol.  
 90, No. 6, pp. 382-7.  
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AB In multiple sclerosis (MS) up-regulation of beta-adrenoceptors on  
 peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) has been attributed to either  
 autonomic dysfunction, inflammation or a combination of the two. We have  
 compared secondary progressive MS patients with normal subjects (NS) and  
 two models of autonomic dysfunction; pure autonomic failure (PAF) and  
 multiple system atrophy (MSA, Shy-Drager  
 syndrome). There was up-regulation of beta-adrenoceptors on PBMCs in MS  
 and PAF patients but not in MSA patients. Only in PAF patients  
 beta-adrenoceptor up-regulation was correlated with low plasma levels of  
 noradrenaline (NA) and adrenaline (Ad). In addition to studies in the  
 basal state, measurements also were made after the centrally acting  
 sympatholytic agent clonidine. These were combined with haemodynamic and  
 neurohormonal measurements. After clonidine, there was a fall in blood  
 pressure in NS and MSA patients but not in MS and PAF patients; a rise in  
 growth hormone (GH) in NS and PAF patients but  
 not in MS and MSA patients; and an up-regulation in PBMCs  
 beta-adrenoceptors in NS but not in MS, MSA and PAF patients.  
 Up-regulation of beta-adrenoceptors on PBMCs in MS could be attributed to  
 autonomic dysfunction but the disparity between MS and PAF patients when  
 considering their plasma levels of NA and Ad argue against. Although the  
 neurohormonal responses to clonidine and the physiological assessment of  
 autonomic function in progressive MS patients, demonstrate central  
 autonomic dysfunction resembling that of the MSA patients, the normal  
 basal beta-adrenoceptor densities in the latter, suggests that the  
 up-regulation of these receptors is independent of the central autonomic  
 dysfunction in MS.

L6 ANSWER 16 OF 17 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 14  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1994224346 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 8170565  
 TITLE: Beta-adrenoceptor expression on circulating mononuclear  
 cells of idiopathic Parkinson's disease and autonomic  
 failure patients before and after reduction of central  
 sympathetic outflow by clonidine.  
 AUTHOR: Zoukos Y; Thomaides T; Pavitt D V; Cuzner M L; Mathias C J  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Neurochemistry, National Hospital for  
 Neurology and Neurosurgery, London, UK.  
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AB There is a short-term up-regulation of beta-adrenoceptors on peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) after reduction of central sympathetic outflow by clonidine in normal individuals. We have studied beta-adrenoceptor number and affinity on PBMC in idiopathic Parkinson's disease (PD), pure autonomic failure (PAF), and multiple system atrophy (MSA; Shy-Drager syndrome) patients and age- and sex-matched normal controls (NC) before and after intravenous administration of clonidine, an alpha 2-adrenoceptor agonist which lowers blood pressure predominantly by reducing CNS sympathetic outflow. Basal beta-adrenoceptor density was high in PAF but within the normal range in PD and MSA patients. After clonidine there was a decrease in plasma levels of noradrenaline (NA) and adrenaline (Ad) in PD, MSA, and NC, and an increase in growth hormone (GH) in PD, PAF, and NC. In PAF, NA and Ad remained unchanged. In MSA, there was no increase in GH levels. There was an up-regulation of beta-adrenoceptors on PBMC at 30 and 60 minutes after clonidine administration, which returned to baseline values after 2 hours, and the affinity of the receptors was decreased in NC and PD patients. Intracellular production of cAMP after isoproterenol stimulation demonstrated that the up-regulation was not functional. Up-regulation after clonidine did not occur in PAF and MSA patients. The observed correlation of plasma NA and sympathetic defect with basal and clonidine-induced up-regulation of beta-adrenoceptors on PBMC may provide insight into beta-adrenoceptor changes in other tissues and also help in differentiating subgroups of autonomic failure patients.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1992341842 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 1353191  
TITLE: Growth hormone response to clonidine in  
central and peripheral primary autonomic failure.  
AUTHOR: Thomaidis T N; Chaudhuri K R; Maule S; Watson L; Marsden C  
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CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Medicine, St Mary's Hospital Medical School,  
Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine,  
London, UK.  
CONTRACT NUMBER: (United Kingdom Wellcome Trust)  
SOURCE: Lancet, (1992 Aug 1) Vol. 340, No. 8814, pp.  
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AB Patients with primary autonomic failure may have either pure autonomic failure (PAF) or multiple system atrophy (MSA) in which there is additional neurological involvement. Distinction between PAF and MSA at an early stage is important because a wide range of complications is associated with MSA, which has a poor response to drug therapy and a less favourable prognosis. We have investigated the growth hormone (GH) releasing effects of clonidine in patients with PAF and MSA to see whether this hormonal response could serve as a neuroendocrine marker to distinguish between the groups. Age-matched normal subjects were studied as controls. Both



groups of patients had severe postural hypotension due to primary sympathetic failure of presumed central origin in MSA and peripheral origin in PAF. After clonidine, plasma GH concentrations increased in controls and PAF, with no change in MSA. Changes in plasma glucose and insulin concentrations were similar in all groups. Clonidine, therefore, stimulates growth hormone release in PAF but not MSA and may serve as a neuroendocrine marker in differentiating patients with MSA and a central autonomic defect from those with PAF with a peripheral defect.

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